

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

2:37 p.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan (10/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Vagnozzi (1/11)

Representative Robertson, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **May 11, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Stakoe laid **House Bill 4473** before the committee.

HB 4473	Ward	Housing; inspection; scope of application to include certain townships and timing of inspections to be modified; provide for.
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Frank Raha, from the Office of **Representative Ward**, explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Arnold Weinfeld, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Kathy Vallie, representing the Property Management Association, testified in **support** of the bill.

Eleanor Love, representing the City of Lansing, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Captain Steve Luciano, representing the City of Lansing and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Representative Tobocman explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Representative Baxter, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4473**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Nitz, Robertson, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Melissa Graban, representing the Detroit Metropolitan Apartment Association, testified in **support** of the bill.

Greg Walterhouse, representing the City of Mt. Pleasant, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Kim Cross, representing the West Michigan Property Management Association, testified in **support** of the bill, and answered questions.

Glenda Campbell, representing the Michigan Association of Housing Officials and the City of Kalamazoo, testified in **opposition** to the bill, and answered questions.

Bob Pratt, representing the East Lansing Fire Department, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Representative Tobocman, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Stakoe** excused **Representative Vagnozzi**.

Edward Hoort, representing Legal Services of East Michigan, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Jim Schaafsma, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Howard Asch, representing the City of East Lansing, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Barb Lester, representing the Neighborhood Housing Coalition and Heritage Hills Association, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Wayne Jewell, representing the City of Southfield, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Ruth York, representing the Rental Property Association of Michigan, testified in **support** of the bill.

Chair Stakoe announced that a work group would be formed to address the concerns presented to the committee, and that the committee would take further action on the bill at a later date.

The following person submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not testify due to time constraints:

Terry Hanson, representing the Genesee Landlord Association.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bill, but did not testify due to time constraints:

David Harvey, representing the City of Garden City;

Virginia Million, representing the Michigan Association of Housing Officials;

George Musolff, representing the City of Sturgis;

Dennis Heidenfeldt, representing the City of Mt. Morris;

Tricia Dreier, representing the City of Holland;

Dan Lavelle, representing the City of Mt. Morris;

Cindy Osman, representing the City of Holland;

James Hurt, representing the City of Grand Rapids;

Annette Irwin, representing the City of East Lansing and the Michigan Association of Housing Officials;

Rita Fulton, representing the City of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Association of Housing Officials;

James DeLange, representing the City of Wyoming.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but **did not wish to speak**:

Jack Schick, representing the Apartment Association of Michigan and the Rental Property Owners Association of Michigan;

Darlene Littlejohn, representing the Property Management Association of Mid-Michigan;

Ken Gillespie, representing Gallery Place Apartments;

Miria Rabideau, representing Associated Estates Realty Corporation;

Alice Ehn, representing the Washtenaw Area Apartment Association;

Clay Powell, representing the Rental Property Owners Association of Michigan;

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors;

Adrian Crazac, representing the Michigan Housing Council.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bill, but **did not wish to speak**:

David McClish, representing the City of Sturgis;

Richard Clark, representing the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department;

Brian Smilnak, representing the City of Eastpointe;

Michael Monger, representing the City of Cadillac.

A testimony card was also submitted by **Kirk Profit**, not wishing to speak, representing the Cities of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Dearborn, indicating **concerns with the bill as written** and taking a **neutral** position.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:24 p.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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